



# CITY OF LODI

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**AGENDA TITLE:** Specifications and Advertisement for Bids for 15 50-foot Class 3 Wood Utility Poles

**MEETING DATE:** October 6, 1999

**PREPARED BY:** Electric Utility Director

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** That the City Council approve the specifications and authorize advertisement for bids for 15 50-foot Class 3 Wood Utility Poles.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Twelve of these poles will be needed for the PCP project at 650 South Guild Avenue. This portion of the project consists of construction of a line extension from Guild Avenue onto the PCP property to provide service to the new building, and installation of a line around the property to improve system backbone.

The balance of the poles will be placed into inventory to support the department's ongoing pole replacement program.

**BID OPENING:** October 20, 1999

**FUNDING:** Electric Utility Department's Operating Fund  
Estimated Cost: \$13,500

**Funding Approval:** *Vicky McAthie*  
Vicky McAthie, Finance Director

*Alan N. Vallow*  
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Electric Utility Director

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**APPROVED:** *H. Dixon Flynn*

H. Dixon Flynn - City Manager

## CITY OF LODI ELECTRIC UTILITY DEPARTMENT

### SPECIFICATIONS

#### WOOD UTILITY POLES

##### 1.0 SCOPE

These specifications cover the minimum acceptable quality of full-length wood poles for use in the City of Lodi's overhead distribution and subtransmission system.

##### 2.0 SPECIFICATIONS

The following specifications shall be met:

- A. Poles and methods of manufacturing shall be in accordance with American National Standards Institute (ANSI), Rural Electrification Administration (REA) and American Wood Preservers Association (AWPA) latest revision, except the spiral grain of any pole shall not exceed one complete rotation in any 30 feet.
- B. Poles shall be cut, marked and bored as specified in Section 6.0 of this specification.

##### 3.0 TREATING REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements shall be met:

- A. Prior to treatment, poles shall be seasoned to a maximum of twenty-five percent (25%) moisture content of the sapwood based upon the oven-dried weight.
- B. Poles shall be Douglas Fir and pressure-treated with pentachlorophenol in accordance with the requirements of AWPA Standards C1, "All Timber Products - Preservative Treatment by Pressure Processes," and C4, "Poles - Preservative Treatment by Pressure Processes," or the latest revisions thereof.
- C. The pentachlorophenol shall meet the requirements of AWPA Standard P8, "Standards for Organic Preservative Systems," or the latest revision thereof. The carriers shall be a petroleum solvent in conformance with the latest edition of AWPA Standard P9, "Standard for Hydrocarbon Solvents for Oil-Borne Preservative."

#### **4.0 ALTERNATE SPECIES AND TREATMENTS**

The following species and treatments which otherwise meet or exceed the requirements of these specifications will be considered as alternate:

- Species other than Douglas Fir.
- Douglas Fir pressure treated with pentachlorophenol in heavy petroleum solution.
- Copper naphthenate treatment.

#### **5.0 HANDLING AND SHIPPING**

The following requirements shall be met:

- A. After treatment, the pole surface shall not be damaged by dragging or from the use of cant hooks, peavies, tongs, cables, slings and other tools normally used in pole-handling operations.
- B. Unloading shall be performed only by crane or unloader supplied by the trucker/bidder. All shipments will be F.O.B. delivered and unloaded, Lodi, California.

#### **6.0 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

The following requirements shall be met:

##### A. Marking

Poles shall be permanently marked on the face and the butt of each pole in accordance with ANSI Standards.

Exception: The distance of the pole brands from the butt shall be:

- 10 feet for 50-foot pole lengths and below;
- 14 feet for 55-foot to 75-foot pole lengths;
- 18 feet for 80-foot to 100-foot pole lengths.

##### B. Cutting and Boring

- Full length treated poles shall be cut and marked before treatment.
- Poles shall be cut so that the butts are approximately square.
- Poles shall be cut so that the tops have a slope in any direction of approximately two inches (2") over the diameter.